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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No. PCT/EP2004/007006

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	1-12	as originally filed	
	Claims, Numbers		
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1. Statement

Novelty (N) Yes: Claims 1-9

No: Claims

Inventive step (IS) Yes: Claims 1-9

No: Claims

Industrial applicability (IA) Yes: Claims 1-9

No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (SEPARATE SHEET)

International application No.

PCT/EP2004/007006

The closest prior art is a switched mode power supply as shown in Figure of the present application or in the st microelectronic data sheet US2842/3842 (D1). This smps has a transformer whith a primary winding and a secondary winding, a switching transistor in series with the primary winding and a control circuit for controlling an output voltage, the control circuit contains an oscillator which can be set via a terminal of the control circuit.

The present invention by the use of relaitively simple means aims to increase the oscillation frequency in order to shorten the start-up period of the smps.

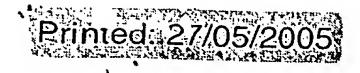
The inventive solution thereto is realized by coupling the oscillator set terminal to a secondary winding.

The oscillator set terminal 4 in Fig. 11 of D1 is not coupled to the secondary winding Nc because it is connected via a capacitor C6 to ground.

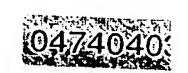
This additional circuitry distinguishes the invention from the closest prior art in a novel and inventive manner, Article 33(2)(3) PCT.

The dependent claims 2-9 concern advantageous embodiments of the invention and are as such novel and inventive, Article 33(2)(3) PCT.

Industrial applicability of the present invention in the sense of Article 33(4) PCT is obviously possible.







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New Claim 1 (Shall replace present claim 1)

A switched mode power supply having a transformer (T1), which has a primary winding (W1) and at least one secondary winding (W2 - W5), having a switching transistor (Q1) in series with the primary winding (W1) and a control circuit (IC1) for controlling an output voltage (U3 - U5), the control circuit (IC1) containing an oscillator (O) which can be set via a terminal (4), characterized in that the terminal (4) is coupled to a secondary winding (W2) for increasing the oscillation frequency of the switch switched mode power supply during operation, with regard to the start-up phase.